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In brief

OCC AF Bike at TAFB

Orange County Chopper's newest custom-designed bike will be on Tyndall's flightline Tuesday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Those with base credentials will be able to view the "Air Force Chopper" and take photos in front of Base Operations. For more information, call 283-4500.

AF family donations

Master Sgt. Darell Brewer and his family lost their home and all possessions in a fire Monday. Those wishing to make a monetary donation can stop by any Tyndall Federal Credit Union branch. There is an account set up in Sergeant Brewer's name.

What's inside



MRA student discusses 'ups and downs' of training ... **PAGE 9**

The ORI is coming ...



... **93 days and counting**

Present arms!

Senior Airman Francisco Garrigas, left, Airman 1st Class Justin McLanahan and other members of the Air Force Honor Guard team demonstrate precision drill movements to a crowd of Tyndall Airmen in Hangar 1 Tuesday. Sixteen team members visited the base to recruit future members and give the base an opportunity to learn more about what the team does.



2nd Lt. William Powell

Housing privatization proposals to be evaluated

GLENN LATTANZE
325th Civil Engineer Squadron

This month, the Air Education and Training Command's Group I Housing Privatization Acquisition Support Team will begin evaluating proposals from nationally-known teams of developers, construction companies and financiers.

Mr. David Dentino, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron deputy commander, is Tyndall's primary voting member on the Housing Privatization AST. He, along with seven other Air Force personnel, will meet next month to finalize the selection of a developer team for housing privatization at Luke, Tyndall, Sheppard and Altus Air Force bases. In an ongoing effort to keep Tyndall families

aware of our housing privatization efforts, Mr. Dentino provided some answers to a couple of the most frequently asked questions about privatization.

"One of the first questions family members ask is about the possibility of civilians living on base," said Mr. Dentino. "The short answer is that it is possible, but highly improbable."

The Department of Defense-directed housing requirements and market analysis process reduced Tyndall's future housing requirements by 111 housing units—meaning Tyndall will end up with 813 units when the developer completes construction and renovation. However, there has been no associated reduction in assigned personnel at Tyndall.

According to Mr. Dentino, the base anticipates more than enough military personnel desiring on-base housing, such that engineers do not anticipate having to go to the "other eligible tenant list" (or "waterfall list") to fill the houses.

The developer can't ask the Air Force for permission to go to the other eligible tenant list until the family housing occupancy rate has dipped below 95 percent for three consecutive months. Even if that did happen, the developer can only bring the occupancy up to a minimum of 95 percent and he'll do that by offering one year leases only.

Other eligible tenants, in priority order, are:

- Other active duty military member/families including unaccompanied members

- Federal civil service employees
- Retired military members/families
- Guard and Reserve military members/families
- Retired federal civil service
- DOD contractor/permanent employees
- General public

"Another big question on residents' minds has to do with utilities and who will pay for them," remarked Mr. Dentino. "For at least the first five years, the developer will pay for electric, water, sewage and natural gas usage. The member's entire housing allowance will be forwarded to the developer as monthly rent."

After collecting five years' worth

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Plan before starting any exercise program

DEAN FAZZIO
325th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron

Spring is almost here and you are ready to start the new fitness program to look better, feel more energetic or get ready for those spring break or summer activities. You are ready to jump in but you may be forgetting something. “Before starting any exercise program, consult your physician.”

It is best to be safe. You have made your list of goals and planned for the challenging training and changes to your regular eating. Did you know you still could be setting yourself up for possible failure? Maybe you are apprehensive about seeing the doctor, but worse you could be adding the new stress of exercise to your day-to-day routine, which may already be filled with fighting the stress of an undiagnosed medical condition.

Yes, you know you have been less active all winter or longer and now you are going

to get back that summer body. But hold on. It is not likely to happen in one week, or 1-2 months— you need to pace yourself. Did you remember those minor symptoms you have been attributing to ‘just stress’? Did you know they could be a sign of a medical condition? Most individuals can’t just look into the mirror and see if they have high cholesterol, or high blood pressure.

Take the time to ensure a great start toward the new you and get the doctor’s clean bill of health *prior* to starting an exercise program. A physician will set parameters for how much and what type of exercise you should undertake based on your current health and age. The physician, in coordination with an exercise trainer, can also help you set realistic fitness goals—whether they be to lose weight, build muscle, increase flexibility, or improve your mental health.

The United States Air Force Fitness Program reinforces the importance of prepar-

“Take the time to ensure a great start toward the new you.”

DEAN FAZZIO
325th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron

ing military members medically prior to performing the new physical tests or starting unit based physical training (AFI 10-248). The program creators consulted the American College of Sports Medicine, American Heart Association, and numerous medical and physiology experts to ensure the right screening tools were put in place. The screening directs active duty members to their primary care manager if they have signs of being ‘at risk’ for cardiovascular disease or stroke.

Active duty members visit the doctor at least one time per year for their Preventa-

tive Health Assessment to ensure they are in good health. Life changes rapidly as people get hurt, sick, or develop new symptoms. The fitness screening is therefore a safety check, prior to maximal testing or training efforts. We want your fitness to become a lifestyle of feeling good and being fit to fight.

You don’t have to be on active duty to be in control of your health. A great opportunity is given to civilian employees with the Tyndall Air Force Base Civilian Fitness Policy. Yes, you too are strongly encouraged to obtain a fitness assessment from your primary care provider/physician, prior to beginning such a program.

Again, even if you think you are in good shape, please take the time to invest in your health and well-being. See your doctor prior to starting an exercise program or before making major changes to the intensity of your training.

Leading with positive attitude creates positive Airmen

MAJ. DAVID CARLSON
52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron

SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany (AFPN) — Recently, I read an article that rated attitude as the No. 1 trait for success among leaders.

I have observed that the vast majority of leaders and mentors I have known throughout my life, who have helped mold and shape me into the person I am today, radiated a positive attitude.

Each of them may have defined and exemplified success in their lives differently, but what made them so fun, exciting and influential in my life was their positive attitude — their zest for life. In every case, their positive attitudes defied the many challenges that they may have had to face and overcome.

Maintaining a positive attitude, despite life’s trials and challenges, is a conscious choice. When I was in college, Dr. Victor Frankl’s book, “Man’s Search for Meaning,” was mandatory reading for one of my classes. In his book, Dr. Frankl described how his attitude and that of other Holocaust survivors helped them survive the horrors of the Nazi death camps.

Regarding attitude, Dr Frankl shared the following: “... everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms — to choose one’s own attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one’s own way.”

If Dr. Frankl and others could control their attitude in the most oppressive of circumstances, how much easier should it be for us, given so much freedom and opportunity, to “choose our own way” — to choose our attitude.

To obtain and maintain a positive attitude, the first place you need to start is with your very own thoughts. In his book, “As a Man Thinketh,” Dr. James Allen, the 19th century Englishman and father of the self-help movement said, “You yourself are maker of yourself by virtue of the thoughts which you choose and encourage; that mind is the master weaver, both of the inner garment of character and the outer garment of circumstance, and that, as you may have hitherto woven in ignorance and pain, you may now weave in enlightenment and happiness.”

In another quote, he stated, “Mind is the master power that moulds and makes, and man is mind and evermore he takes the tool of thought, and shaping what he wills, brings

forth a thousand joys, a thousand ills — He thinks in secret and it comes to pass; environment is but his looking glass.” Bottom line: To have a good attitude, you must think about positive things.

It is important that each and every one of us occasionally accomplishes an attitude check on ourselves. Ask yourself, “How does my attitude affect my self esteem, my unit, my friends and my family?” or “Am I allowing outside influences, such as the weather, a high ops tempo or a micro-managing supervisor that I have little to no control over to affect my behavior and my attitude?” Most of the time when I take stock of my attitude, I realize that there is always room for improvement and I try to do better.

Airmen have so much to be thankful for and be positive about. The opportunity to live in foreign countries, to experience the people, culture, language and traditions; and most importantly, the opportunity to serve the greatest freedom-loving nation on the face of the earth in the most important conflict of our time.

A positive attitude is the key to winning this conflict and any other challenge we face in life. And a positive attitude starts with you.

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Pillars highlight wing mission

2ND LT. WILLIAM POWELL
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Beginning next week, Gulf Defender readers will notice a new graphic placed throughout the paper as a way for readers to quickly identify the theme of various stories.

The graphic, instituted by the 325th Fighter Wing commander, uses four-pillars to represent the wing mission. These pillars – Force Protection, Force Sustainment, Force Training and Force Deployment – are the foundation of the wing’s mission, TRAINING AMERICA’S AIR DOMINANCE FORCE, and are vital to the success of the expeditionary Air Force.

One pillar will consistently stand out from the rest to highlight the theme of the page or story so readers can easily see how the story relates to the mission. Every Airman falls into at least one column by the nature of his job, but each pillar “affects us all in some way or another,” said Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton.

“We are all part of Force Protection, for example,” he said. “From the security forces who actively guard and patrol our installation to the youngest enlisted airman, we are each responsible for protecting ourselves and the resources assigned to us.”

Force Sustainment ensures Tyndall Airmen have the proper quality of life.

“The Medical Group, the Fitness Center, and the Chaplains keep us physically and spiritually healthy, the Commissary provides us with food and the Child Development Center offers daily child care so we can go to work and support the war efforts,” the general said. “But Force Sustainment also means

hot meals and water when we deploy or a comfortable place to rest our heads at night. We can only live and work for so long before our supplies, and our spirits, need replenishing.”

The third column, Force Training, represents Tyndall’s primary mission, said General Egginton.

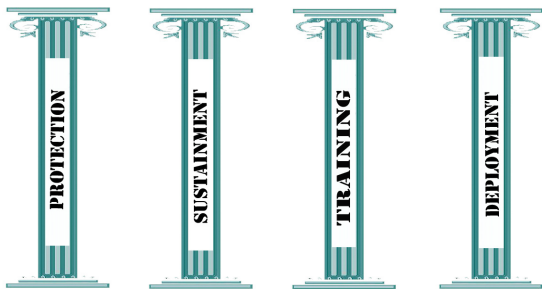
“This is what we do here,” General Egginton said. “We train like we fight, which means we all need to work our very best to ensure each student – from an F/A-22 Raptor Instructor Upgrade student to the Airman Leadership school student and everything in between – doesn’t miss a step in his or her training. I won’t send any Airman to war without the proper training, so each person must be sure he is receiving all the training he needs for his specific job.”

The final column, Force Deployment, is why we train the way we fight, continued General Egginton.

“We can’t fight and win wars solely from the luxury of our positions at home,” he said. “We must deploy in order to sustain and support operations. This is why we exercise and have readiness inspections. Traditionally, 150 Tyndall members are deployed at any given time, but all Airmen need to be prepared to deploy on short notice.”

Each pillar is vital in creating a solid foundation and one can’t stand without the others, continued the General.

“The same can be said of our Airmen. Each person is vital and contributes in some very important way to the 325th FW mission and to the greater Air Force mission. So look for the graphic in this and future Defenders to learn more about how your job affects us all,” he said.



ON THE STREET

What do you listen to for motivation during workouts?



“Fox News is good enough for me.”

MAJ. SHOMELA LABEE
1st Air Force



“I usually listen to rap.”

CAPT. PAUL MOGA
43rd Fighter Squadron



“I’ll listen to bands like Linkin Park or Metallica.”

SENIOR AIRMAN SEAN SMITH
325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron



“I like to listen to some R&B.”

SENIOR AIRMAN INISHIA GEORGE
95th Fighter Squadron

Action Line Call 283-2255



BRIG. GEN. JACK EGGINTON
325th Fighter Wing commander

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

Action Line calls are recorded and staffed through the proper agency.

The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers.

If you’re not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the 325th Fighter Wing Inspector General’s Office, 283-4646.

Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

Below are some more phone numbers that help you in resolving any issues with a base agency.

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| Commissary | 283-4825 |
| Pass and I.D. | 283-4191 |
| Medical and Dental | 283-7515 |
| MEO | 283-2739 |
| MPF | 283-2276 |
| Public Affairs | 283-4500 |

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| SF Desk Sgt. Services | 283-2254 |
| Legal | 283-2501 |
| Housing | 283-4681 |
| Red Cross | 283-2036 |
| Wing Safety | 283-2770 |
| CDC | 283-4231 |
| Base Exchange | 283-4747 |
| Area Defense Counsel | 286-5804 |
| Finance | 283-2911 |
| Civil Engineer | 283-4117 |
| Civilian Personnel | 283-4949 |
| Base Information | 283-3203 |
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Thank you for helping me to improve Tyndall and I look forward to hearing from you.

Safety starts with hazard reporting

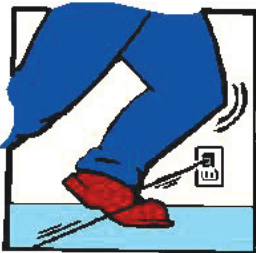
People are the Air Force’s most valuable resource, and the Air Force strives to provide all employees a safe and healthful workplace. To achieve that goal, the service relies on every member to promptly identify and correct workplace hazards.

One of the best tools available to Air Force employees is the Air Force Hazard Reporting Program. The program allows all Air Force personnel to alert supervisors and other appropriate officials of hazardous conditions requiring prompt corrective actions.

Although supervisors and employees are required to report unsafe conditions and actions that violate standards and pose a risk to operations or personnel, hazard reports can be submitted by any person, military or civilian, assigned, attached to, or under contract to the Air Force.

If someone notices a potential hazard, they should first inform their supervisor of the hazard as well as the area. The supervisor should be given every opportunity to correct a hazard before submitting an Air Force Form 457, USAF Hazard Report. If the hazard is eliminated on the spot, no further action is required.

However, if the hazard cannot be eliminated immediately it must be reported to the safety, fire prevention, or bioenvironmental office.



People can submit hazard reports anonymously, but are encouraged to identify themselves in the form for investigation purposes.

Those who file a report can appeal any corrective actions taken without fear of retribution if they are not satisfied with the results. To appeal corrective actions, employees should resubmit the hazard report to the installation safety, fire, or bioenvironmental engineering office requesting the hazard be reinvestigated along with the reason.

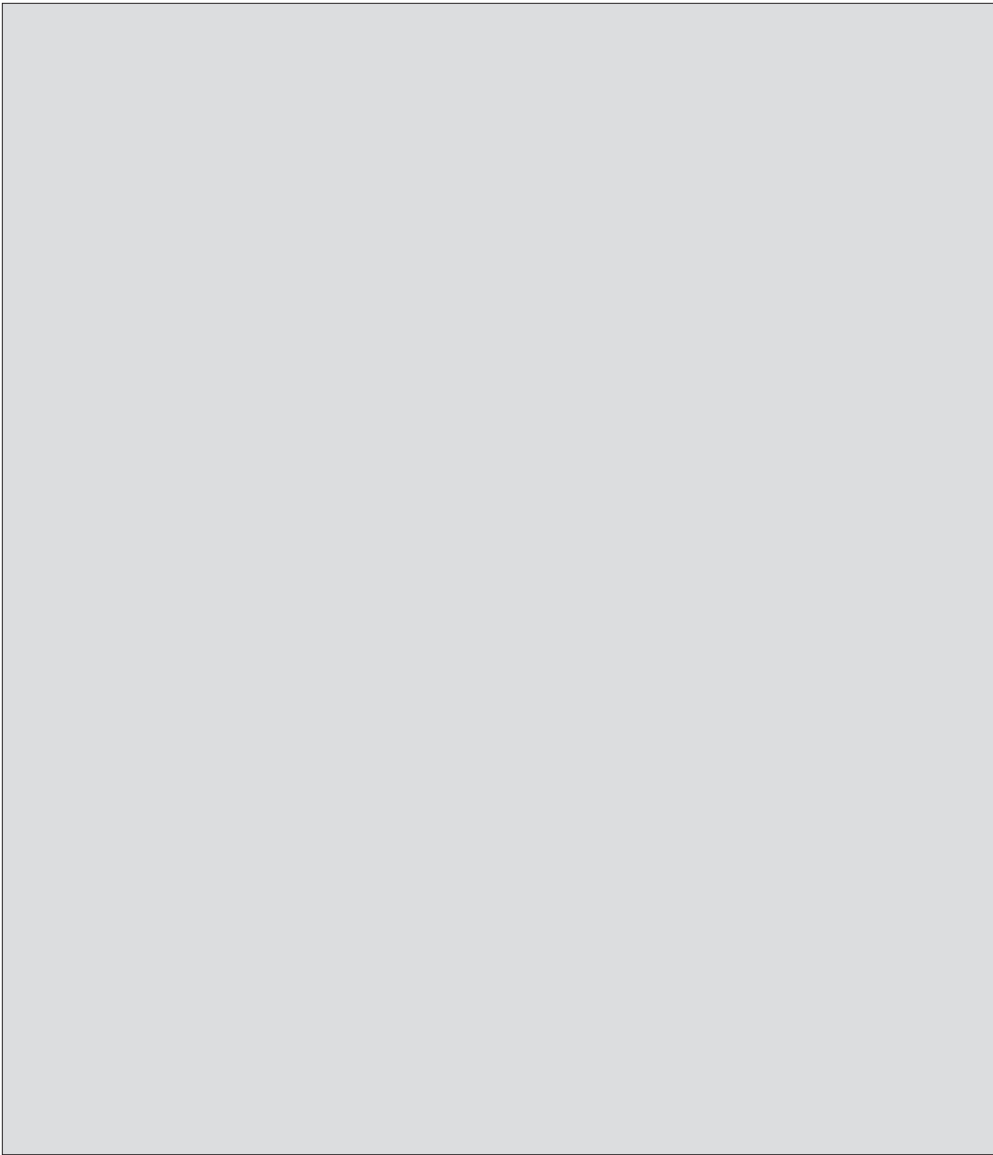
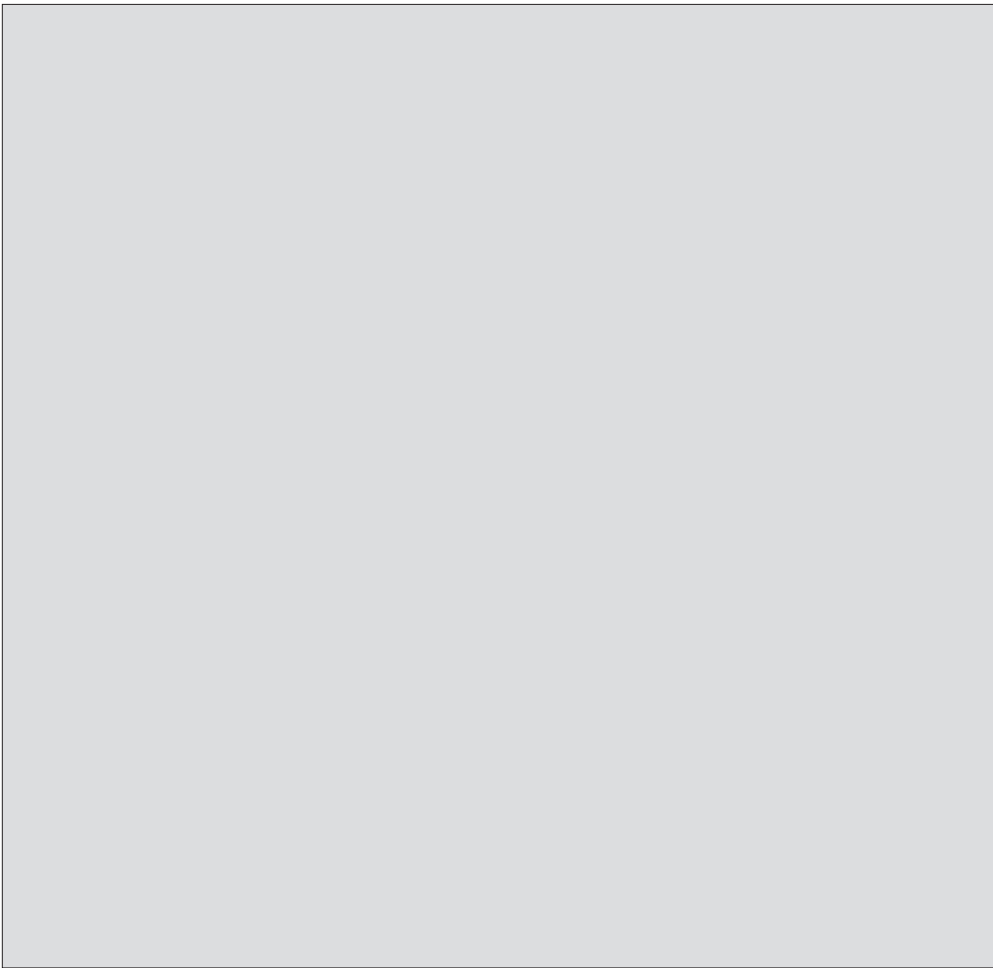
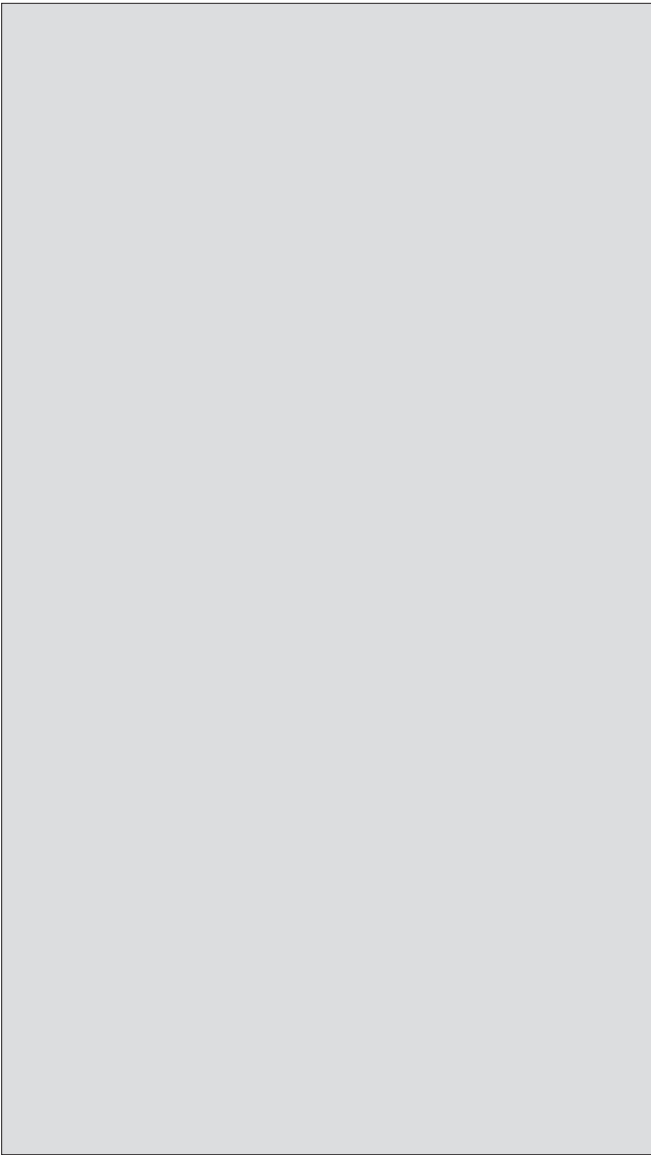
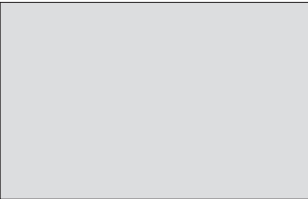
With everyone’s help and cooperation, the Air Force can continue to provide its employees the safest working conditions possible, preventing unnecessary damage to its most valuable asset – its people.

(Courtesy of the 325th Fighter Wing Safety Office)

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to come out ahead
of the pack.

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Tyndall Airmen ready for first sergeant duty

1st Lt. Albert Bosco
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

More than a dozen non-diamond wearing Tyndall Airmen received first sergeant honors from the 325th Fighter Wing vice commander during a ceremony held here recently.

Col. Brian Dickerson presented graduation certificates to 19 NCOs after they graduated the Acting First Sergeants Course, a three-day class hosted by Tyndall first sergeants.

Although the graduates are not actually first sergeants, they are recognized as Airmen capable of filling the first sergeant role as an additional duty.

According to Senior Master Sgt. John Trachte, 325th Maintenance Squadron first sergeant, the class provides the sergeants with the tools they'll need to handle first sergeant duties in the squadron first sergeant's absence.

"The course is geared mainly for master sergeant and master selects," Sergeant Trachte said. "It gives them a chance to see what the first sergeant career field is like

and what being a shirt entails."

"We rely heavily on our first sergeants to ensure our Airmen's needs are cared for," said Colonel Dickerson. "There is always a heavy demand on our first sergeants, from deployments and home station operations to temporary duty assignments. At times there just aren't enough to go around."

"This program is a great way to fill these gaps and provide some of our deserving noncommissioned officers an opportunity to showcase their leadership skills," he continued.

Presenting these certificates to our newly trained 'non-diamond wearing' Airmen allows us to recognize the unique training they have received over the last three days and highlight some of our star performers for the hard work they do daily, the colonel commented.

Sergeant Trachte said Tyndall currently has 112 trained additional duty first sergeants, and the course is offered



1st Lt. Albert Bosco

Tech. Sgt. Harvey McLean, left, 372nd Training Squadron/Detachment 4 C-Flight chief, points out various training procedures in the squadron's F/A-22 Raptor seat and canopy trainer to Staff Sgt. Jerry Street, 372nd TRS/Det. 4 Mission Ready Airmen instructor. Sergeant McLean is an additional duty first sergeant, who recently completed Tyndall Air Force Base's Acting First Sergeants Course.

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Following fundraising rules pays

CAPT. ROSEMARY GILLIAM
Base Legal Office

When it comes to fundraisers, people have many different questions. These questions normally revolve around what the limits are for Air Force employees who engage in fundraisers. There are numerous fundraising rules that apply to Air Force employees.

First, it's important to understand that there are three types of fundraising. These are official fundraising such as the Combined Federal Campaign and the Air Force Assistance Fund campaign, unofficial fundraising or fundraising by or for off-base, non-federal organizations, such as Girl Scouts, March-of-Dimes, or American Cancer Society, and fundraising for employee organization welfare funds such as the office fund for flowers and permanent change of station plaques.

If all funds raised by an event go to CFC, AFAP, or an Office of Personnel Management-approved emergency, the event or effort is considered to be "official fundraising" or official business. However, if any part of the funds will go to an organization or effort outside this scope, the event or effort is "unofficial fundraising."

Employees may not participate in unofficial fundraising in

an official capacity if the cost of their participation may be taken as a tax deduction. Mere attendance at an event in an official capacity is permitted, provided that, to the employee's knowledge, the employee's attendance is not used by the organization to promote the event.

Employees may participate in unofficial fundraising in a personal, off-duty capacity, if they act exclusively outside the scope of their official position. Air Force employees may conduct on-base fundraising efforts on personal time if the event has been approved by base officials and the event will take place away from the workplace. Employees may not use government resources, such as funds, equipment, vehicles, supplies or postage, to support an unofficial fundraising event or effort, except to notify other employees of the event.

Also, for unofficial fundraising events or efforts, an employee may not use or allow others to use their official title or the name of their government organization in connection with the event. Military members may use or permit others to use their military rank and branch of service in connection with their participation in an unofficial fundraising event or effort.

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Donations still accepted for AFAF drive

2ND LT. WILLIAM POWELL
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Tyndall’s Air Force Assistance Fund campaign wraps up March 29, allowing donators two more weeks to contribute to the fund that could someday provide funds back to Airmen in need here.

The fund gives people the opportunity to anonymously help Airmen who may be less fortunate or find themselves in emergencies they are unable to fund.

“The AFAF provides invaluable support to active duty, retirees, Reservists, Guardsmen and their dependants, including surviving spouses,” said Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Pieknik, the installation project officer. “It is designed to help those who have emergency or educational needs and provides a secure retirement home for widows and widowers of Air Force

members who need financial assistance. The campaign is about Airmen helping Airmen.”

Recently, many charities and fund drives have asked for donations for worthy causes, including the Combined Federal Campaign, American Red Cross and the Tsunami Relief effort, but this is the only time of year Airmen can donate to the AFAF, continued Sergeant Pieknik.

“This extremely worthwhile campaign supports the Air Force Village Indigent Widows’ Fund, Air Force Aid Society, Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widows’ Fund, and the General LeMay Foundation Indigent Widows’ Fund,” he said. “None of us knows when, or if, we will need the assistance of these organizations, but donations will ensure the continued availability of these programs for Air Force personnel, their dependents, re-

tirees, and widows/widowers.” The Chief of Staff of the Air Force set a \$5.4 million goal for the entire force. Last year, Air Force people donated \$6.7 million to the fund, and Tyndall exceeded its goal by 45 percent, but is still short of meeting this year’s goal, Sergeant Pieknik said.

He and his key personnel have been working to achieve 100 percent contact of all base personnel, and those who have not yet been personally contacted still have a way to donate.

“We’re at the entrance of the Tyndall Base Exchange each Saturday and Sunday through March 27. Please feel free to come by and collect information and/or contribute,” he said.

People can contribute through cash, check, money order or payroll deduction.

For more information on the program, visit afassistancefund.org, or contact Sergeant Pieknik at 283-8534.

'Best of the Best' named, honored at MXG banquet



2nd Lt. William Powell

325th MXG Senior NCO of the Year
Master Sgt. William Johnson, 325th MXS



2nd Lt. William Powell

325th MXG NCO of the Year
Tech. Sgt. Patrick Beaudion, 325th AMXS/2nd AMU



Staff Sgt. William Stover

325th MXG Airman of the Year
Senior Airman Frank Flores, 325th AMXS/2nd AMU

2ND LT. WILLIAM POWELL

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Members of the 325th Maintenance Group laid down their tools and picked up awards during an annual banquet here March 11.

In categories ranging from Airman of the Year to Aircraft Maintenance Unit of the Year, Tyndall's largest group honored maintainers who gave their best and made the biggest impact on the Tyndall mission.

Earning the title of 325th MXG Airman of the Year was Senior Airman Frank Flores, 2nd AMU weapons loader. He is a three-time Weapons Professional of the Month and previous Team Tyndall Airman of the Quarter. Airman Flores also volunteered more than 20 hours for the Airmen Against Drunk Driving program and is credited with four "saves."

Tech. Sgt. Patrick Beaudion, 2nd AMU weapons loading element chief, garnered the title of 325th MXG NCO of the Year. Sergeant Beaudion is also a Lance P. Sijan Award recipient, Team Tyndall NCO of the Quarter and AMXS Volunteer of the Quarter winner during 2004.

The title of 325th MXG Senior NCO of the Year went to Master Sgt. William Johnson, 325th Maintenance Squadron munitions material superintendent. He managed a \$12 million aircrew training account with 100 percent accountability and also earned MXG Senior NCO of the Quarter.

Leading the Air Force's first operational F/A-22 Raptor maintenance unit earned Capt. Rognald Christensen, 43rd AMU, 325th MXG Company Grade Officer of the Year. He is also Team Tyndall's CGO of the Year and a Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Award winner.

Philip Sykes, 325th MXS phase dock inspection member, received the 325th MXG Civilian of the Year award. Mr. Sykes served as acting dock chief on multiple occasions, and donated more than 50 pounds of fish to Panama City Rescue Mission for underprivileged families during the holidays.

Volunteering more than 180 hours during 2004, Senior Airman Anthony Gonzales, 1st AMU weapons loader, earned the title of 325th MXG Volunteer of the Year. Airman Gonzales spends several hours each week working with youth at the Youth Center as a basketball coach and general volunteer. His work also helped the 1st AMU take top prize as AMU of the Year.



2nd Lt. William Powell

325th MXG CGO of the Year
Capt. Rognald Christensen, 325th AMXS/43rd AMU



2nd Lt. William Powell

325th MXG Civilian of the Year
Philip Sykes, 325th MXS



2nd Lt. William Powell

325th MXG Volunteer of the Year
Senior Airman Anthony Gonzales, 325th AMXS/1st AMU

Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez awards

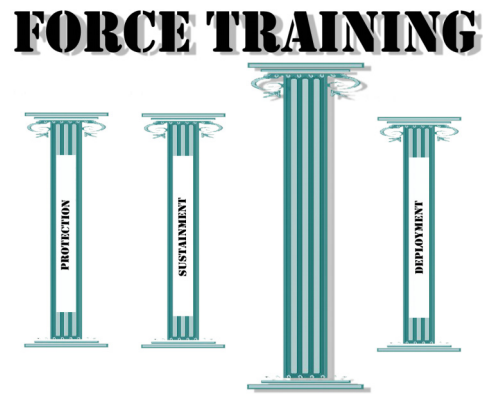
Senior Airman Heath Neighoff, 325th MOS
Tech. Sgt. Donald Moses, 325th MXS
Master Sgt. Darell Brewer, 325th MOS
1st Lt. Robert Marshall, 325th MXS
Senior Airman Daniel Bautista, 325th AMXS
Tech. Sgt. Joel McWilliams, 325th MXS
Senior Master Sgt. Mark Massey, 325th MXS
Capt. Rognald Christensen, 325th AMXS
Maj. Ronald McAfee, 325th AMXS
Robert Taylor, 325th MOS

Lance P. Sijan awards

Junior Enlisted
Tech. Sgt. Patrick Beaudion, 325th AMXS
Senior Enlisted
Senior Master Sgt. Larry Aderholdt, 325th AMXS
Junior Officer
Capt. James Zick, 325th AMXS
Senior Officer
Maj. Ronald McAfee, 325th AMXS

Other awards

Crew Chief of the Year
Tech. Sgt. Mark Edwards, 325th AMXS/43AMU
Defense Support Services Maintenance Professional of the Year
Maureen Peoples, propulsion section
372nd Training Detachment Instructors of the Year
Senior Airman Fred Frazier, Junior Instructor
Tech. Sgt. Alfred Venditti, Senior Instructor



Training Spotlight

What has been your favorite aspect of training so far?

“My favorite aspect of training here is being able to learn combat maneuvers and tactics in the F-15 Eagle, a tactical war-fighting jet, and leaving the undergraduate trainer aircraft behind me.”

CAPT. JAY HANSON
1st Fighter Squadron F-15 Eagle
B-Course student

Student Focus

Greenbelt ‘reflects’ on MRA training

STAFF SGT. BENJAMIN ROJEK
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

At 19 years old, an Airman here has already made one of his dreams a reality.

Airman 1st Class Giovanni Mateus, a 372nd Training Squadron/Detachment 4 Mission Ready Airmen student, was just a small boy when he received his first model jet from his father. The games he played with this toy led to a strong desire to work on jets, which eventually led to his becoming an F-15 crew chief trainee.

“I used to play with that jet all the time,” said Airman Mateus. “And being able to work with them now is like a dream.”

The Mamaroneck, N.Y., native arrived at basic training in Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in August 2004. He had known for quite some time that he wanted to join the service, but his friends and family didn’t believe he’d do it.

“They were ecstatic when I did join,” said Airman Mateus. “They were a little bit worried, especially after 9/11, but they were really proud.”

After graduating basic training in October, the new airman headed off to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, to begin his 18 weeks of training. There he learned about maintaining and troubleshooting F-15s by working on stationary jets set up in hangars. But for Airman Mateus, the best was yet to come.

“I’ve been here since February 14,” he said, “and training at Tyndall is a whole new experience. For one thing, we need to be more careful, because if you make one wrong move around the exhaust or the intake, it’s over.

“But (the training) is a lot better here,” he continued. “Launching the jets is just a rush. And seeing the jets take off when you’re out on the flightline is awesome.”

Although he says the hardest part of the training is remembering to annotate everything on the forms, his instructor said Airman Mateus has a keen eye when it comes to details.

“He is very attentive,” said Staff Sgt. Richard Outenreach, 372nd TRS/Det.4 MRA instructor. “When I’m trying to teach something, he’s right there ready to learn.”

Sergeant Outenreach said that all the training the students receive here, from launch and recovery to servicing the jet, is important. The students need to become productive members of which ever organization they go to. And he’s sure Airman Mateus will do just that.

“He wants to better himself,” said Sergeant Outenreach. “That’s what we look for, not only in a student, but also in a subordinate – somebody who is willing to learn and do their job. He is going to go far.”

Airman Mateus may be willing to learn, but he is also ready to try out his newly acquired skills at his first duty assignment: the 2nd Fighter Squadron here.

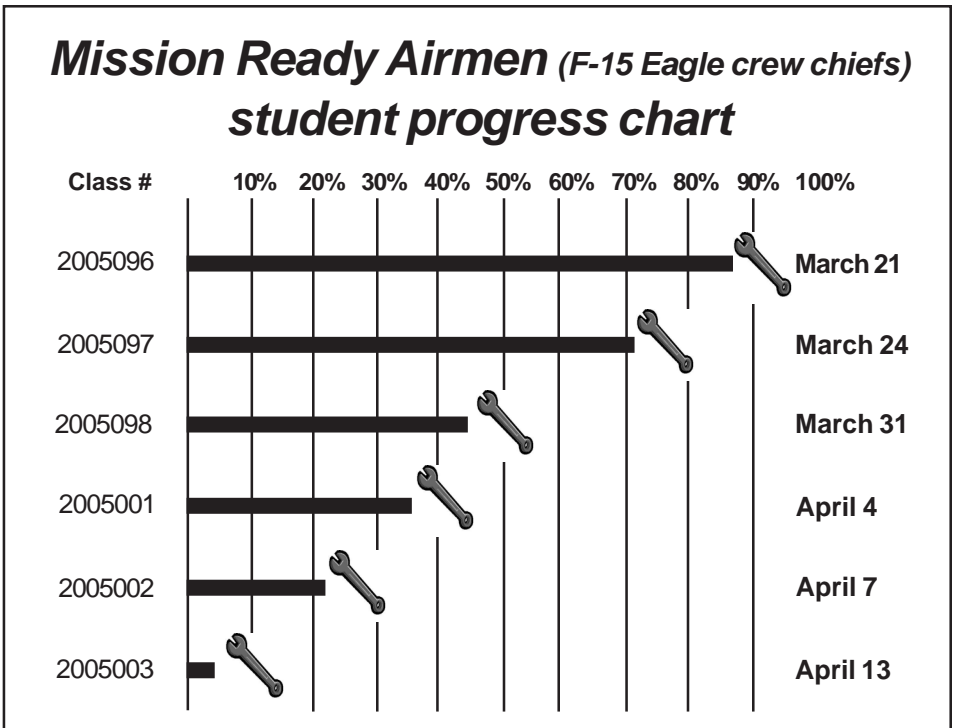
“I’m ready to get out there and do what I’ve been trained for,” he said. “It’s been a lot of hard work with a lot of ups and downs, but in the end you’re working towards becoming part of a big team.”



Airman 1st Class Giovanni Mateus, a 372nd Training Squadron/Detachment 4 Mission Ready Airmen student here, checks an arresting hook shank while conducting an inspection of an aircraft here Monday.

Pinned

Second Lt. Philip Weber, an Air Battle Manager student, has his ABM functional badge pinned on by Maj. Matt Medlock, a 325th Air Control Squadron instructor, at ABM Class 0508's graduation here Wednesday.



Bay County MAC celebrates 59 years

2ND LT. WILLIAM POWELL
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Fifty-nine years ago, three Bay County men felt something was missing in the community. Six hours later and \$100,000 richer, the Military Affairs Committee was born.

The men received the money as donations to help build and improve healthy relationships between Tyndall Field and the local community. They used part of the money to provide a fun, safe place for military members to spend their free time on the weekends to reduce disturbances between some rowdy servicemen and the community.

“Surprisingly, it wasn’t too hard to get that kind of money quickly,” said M.G. “Bubber” Nelson, an original co-founder and first MAC chairman. “We had some very wonderful people in this community. Nobody had a lot of wealth in those days, but there was a basic need and they donated what they could.”

From that moment on, the committee aimed to handle any problem between the base and the community.

“Tyndall would come to us and we would con-

tact whoever we needed to in order to get things done,” he said.

The three-man committee expanded to 15, and they began to host social gatherings for military members and dignitaries at MAC members’ homes, continued Mr. Nelson.

“We would have barbeques or something like that, and we took it upon ourselves to pay for everything, dividing the cost amongst the handful of members,” he said.

Throughout the years, the MAC has grown to its present size of 280 members, each still dividing all the costs amongst one another.

“Even if some people can’t remain active in the committee, they will still maintain membership to help support the MAC because of the good things the committee does for the community,” said Hugh Roche, a member for more than 20 years and previous chairman. “But we get a lot out of it too, like meeting new friends. It’s also

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Senior Airman Miles Hudlow, a saxophone player for Full Spectrum, grabs a quick snack during a break Tuesday. The band played a mix of jazz, big band and classical.



Above: Thomas and Kathleen Walsh dance to the music of the Air Force Reserve Band, Full Spectrum, during Tuesday’s Military Affairs Committee celebration at the Officers’ Club here. Right: (From left) Jimmy Hentz, Elizabeth Walters, Scott Clemons and M.G. “Bubber” Nelson, who represent past, present and future Bay County MAC chairmen, prepare to cut the birthday cake with swords provided by Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander. The committee celebrated its 59th birthday here with food, music, dancing and socializing.



supporting Tyndall, military

about all the things going on out at Coastal Systems Naval Station.” The committee is just as much a part of this life as eating and sleeping,” added

le of one issue that concerns both MAC alike is base encroachment, che.

“We’ve been working with the county commission and the local community and keeping an eye on encroachment around the base, says a potential problem for Tyndall,”

committee also remains active with the and the nearby military bases by hosting nine social events each year and members of each installation to attend. C is very well regarded in the Peninsula great relationships it has helped en the community and the military,”

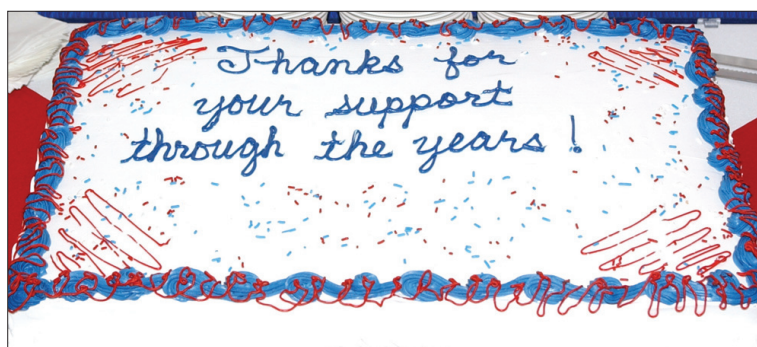
said Larry Dantzler, a 20-year member and previous chairman. “And one of the benefits of being a member is the close interaction we get with military members.”

Mr. Dantzler said he recently ate dinner with General John Jumper, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, when he was here qualifying in the F/A-22 Raptor.

“That’s just one example of something I’ve been able to do as a MAC member that I wouldn’t have been able to do otherwise,” he said. “But what’s most important is not what we get to do or who we get to meet; it’s ensuring that the military knows how much Bay County appreciates Tyndall, the Naval station and the rest of the military. Servicemembers put their life on the line but also put a lot of money and talent into the community.”

Traditionally, committee members must be Bay County Chamber of Commerce members, but the MAC is currently considering ways to include active duty members into the committee.

Until then, the MAC will continue to remain an organization of civilians with a single project: assisting the military any way it can.



2nd Lt. William Powell



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Michael Dominguez, the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, receives an embroidered afghan from the MAC. Mr. Dominguez was here for a site visit and to learn more about the wing mission.



2nd Lt. William Powell

Chuck and JoAnn Gigli, MAC members, steal a kiss during Tuesday’s celebration. More than 200 committee members and active duty servicemembers attended the event.



2nd Lt. William Powell

General Egginton presents Mr. Nelson with a framed portrait of the heritage flight that included the F/A-22 Raptor and four other historic aircraft which occurred here last year. The gift was in honor of Mr. Nelson’s 59 years of support and friendship to Tyndall.

Briefs

RAO volunteers

The Retiree Activities Office is seeking volunteers to assist with the various tasks associated with running the office. The RAO is an all-volunteer organization that provides assistance and information to Tyndall's retiree community on retiree-related issues. Those interested in volunteering should contact the office at 283-2737 or by e-mail at tyndall.RAO@tyndall.af.mil.

Estate settlement

Any person or persons having any claims for and against the estate of Tech. Sgt. James Smith, deceased assigned to Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., should contact the Summary Court Officer 2nd Lt. Karen Jelke, 33rd Maintenance Squadron, Eglin AFB, at (850) 883-4428 or DSN 875-4428.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Register for ERAU distance learning undergraduate courses through March 31 for term dates April 15 – July 7. To register for classes, come to Bldg. 1230, Room 49 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. For more information, call 283-4557.

Gulf Coast Community College

The GCCC placement test will be held at the Tyndall Center on Wednesday at 1 pm. Advanced payment of \$4 will guarantee your spot.

Scholarship and camp opportunities

The Society of American Military Engineers has scholarship and summer camp applications and information available at the SAME Panama City Post Web site: posts.same.org/panamacity/Programs_05.htm. Engineering and Construction Summer Camp applications for high school seniors is due by March 31.

Moms, Pops and Tots

The Tyndall Community Center is offering Powerful Parenting for Moms and Pops of Tots each Wednesday from 9 – 10:30 a.m. Bring your ideas on how we can make this a fun, exciting and educational experience for all. For more information, contact Laurie Campbell at 286-6501 or e-mail znory7@yahoo.com.

Air National Guard opportunities

The 109th Airlift Wing, in Scotia, N.Y., home of the C-130 ski-birds, has Traditional Guard vacancies available. For more information, contact Master Sgt. James Reeves, at DSN 344-2457 or 1-800-524-5070, or by e-mail at James.Reeves@nyscot.ang.af.mil.

Stray pets

Call 283-4949 to report stray animals in base housing. If your pet is missing, call 283-4949 to determine if your pet was picked up as a stray. To retrieve your pets, call the Parkway Animal Hospital and Pet Hotel at 763-8387 within five days. You are required to show proof of vacci-

Righty-tighty, lefty-loosey

Staff Sgt. Matt Bair, 601st Air Communications Squadron network administrator, gets some help with the engine of his '86 Toyota Corolla from Rick Vannoy, Auto Hobby Shop manager. Mr. Vannoy will be just one of several employees on hand when the Auto Hobby Shop, located in the Tyndall Skills Development Center, holds its first Vehicle Marathon this weekend. The facility will open at 9:30 a.m. Saturday and stay open around the clock until Sunday at 7 p.m. For more information, contact the Auto Hobby Shop at 283-4542



Steve Riddle

nation and registration before your pet will be released to you.

Commissary news

The Commissary will be open Easter, March 27, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Finance Office closure

The Finance Office will be closed for an official function at noon today. In case of an emergency, please call the financial service officer at 624-1301 or the first sergeant at 624-9466.

Volunteers needed

The Tyndall Volunteer Resource Program serves as the central base resource for volunteer recruitment, placement and recognition. The program assists individuals seeking volunteer opportunities to meet their volunteer goals and authorized organizations and agencies to recruit qualified volunteers. Volunteers are currently needed at Family Services/Airman's Attic, the Red Cross, Retiree Activities Office, 325th Services Squadron and other locations at Tyndall. Call the Family Support Center at 283-4204/4205 for more information.

Anger Management class

The next workshop series will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the next four consecutive Mondays in the conference room of Bldg. 1305. For more information or to sign up for classes, call 283-7511.

OSC Quality of Life program

The Tyndall Officers' Spouses' Club is proud to announce that the Quality of Life program will be available to only our base community once again this year. The OSC has up to \$4,500 to award this year for any project that will benefit members of our base. This cannot be an open-ended project and must be completed

by July 30. If you or your organization has a project that you would like to have considered for this award, please submit a detailed written proposal outlining what your group would like to do with these funds, the amount needed and how your group intends to accomplish this goal. All applications will be accepted via e-mail to Katy Howard at katyquilter@knology.net or mailed to Tyndall OSC at P.O. Box 40029, Tyndall AFB, Fla., 32403. Deadline for proposals is March 30, and will be awarded on April 19. For further information, please contact Mrs. Howard at 215-2020.

Palace Chase Force Shaping

With the Air Force close to reaching their desired number of separatees, the force shaping program will soon be coming to a close. Members who are thinking about leaving active duty early can transfer their commitment into the Air Force Reserve without having to payback bonuses, and while maintaining many of the same benefits. There are Air Force Reserve opportunities available in many locations in the U.S. and overseas. Re-training into a different career field is also an option. For more information, please contact Master Sgt. Randi Baum at 283-8384, or by e-mail at randi.baum@tyndall.af.mil, or visit the Military Personnel Flight, Bldg. 662, Room 222.

Fitness Center openings

Both the running track and the new women's locker room are open at the Fitness Center.

Chapel Schedule**Weekly Bible Study**

The Bible study "Life Without Strife" meets from 6:30 – 8 p.m. every Tuesday night at the Spiritual Fitness building by Chapel Two, in Room 108.

Catholic services

Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Monday–Friday, Chapel Two
Reconciliation - before Saturday Mass or by appointment
Saturday Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel Two
Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m., Chapel Two
Religious Education, 11 a.m., Bldg. 1476

Protestant services

Communion service, 9:30 a.m., Chapel One
Religious education classes, 9:30–10:30 a.m. Bldg. 1476
General Protestant service, 11 a.m., Chapel Two
Sunday Night Live Service, 6 p.m., Chapel One
Wednesday Fellowship, 5 p.m., Chapel Two

Tyndall Chapel Lenten/Easter Schedule:**Ecumenical:**

Lenten Devotions/Mass, 11:30 a.m., Chapel Two

Catholic, in Chapel Two:

Stations of the Cross, Fridays of Lent, 6 p.m., through March 18
Palm Sunday Mass, 9:15 a.m. March 20
Holy Thursday Mass, 7 p.m. March 24
Good Friday Service, 3 p.m. March 25
Easter Vigil, 8 p.m. March 26
Easter Mass, 9:30 a.m. March 27

Protestant:

Palm Sunday Service, 9:30 a.m. March 20, Chapel One
Palm Sunday Service, 11 a.m. March 20, Chapel Two
Maundy Thursday, 5 p.m. March 24, Chapel One
Good Friday, 5 p.m. March 25, Chapel One
Easter Sunrise Service, 6 a.m. March 26, Shoal Point

MSG takes Over-30 basketball championship

STEVE RIDDLE

325th Services Squadron publicist

In one of the most exciting Over-30 Basketball League championship games here in recent memory, the 325th Mission Support Group team overcame an 11-point deficit with two minutes remaining to defeat the Southeast Air Defense Sector team 42 - 41.

SEADS drew first blood and jumped ahead early, but MSG took the lead 6 - 5 about five minutes into the game. The teams scored back and forth through the first period, and MSG looked like they would go to the break ahead, but an inside shot by SEADS center man Michael Valle and a following foul shot put his team up 20 - 19 at the half.

The MSG team started the second period with a surge of scoring, racking up 10 unanswered points to go ahead 29 - 20. Then the buckets dried up, and SEADS gained the momentum. For the next 14 minutes the MSG team was held scoreless, while SEADS put up 20 points. With two minutes to go, SEADS led 41 - 29.

The game looked like a sure

win. SEADS, who finished the regular season in first place, had lost the first meeting between the two teams earlier in the double-elimination playoffs, and needed the win for a chance at the championship trophy in a final, deciding game.

That's when the MSG players decided to get tough. Strong underneath play by Lorrenzzo Martin, Charlie Carr and coach Al Lewis gave the MSG team some crucial rebounds, and a key three-pointer by Craig McMahon pulled the team to within four points, 41 - 37.

With three seconds to go and the SEADS team up 41 - 40, MSG player Jamar Jordan was fouled and went to the line shooting one-and-one. The first shot touched nothing but the bottom of the net, tying the game. His second shot followed the first, giving his team a one-point lead. A quick inbound pass by SEADS was heavily guarded, and a desperation shot from deep in the MSG side of the court went wide as the buzzer sounded, giving the MSG team their first Over-30 Basketball League title in several years.



Lou South

Members of the 325th Mission Support Group's Over-30 basketball team pose with their trophy after winning the championship game against the Southeast Air Defense Sector team.

Jordan led the night in scoring with 17 points. Valle led SEADS with 15 points, and fellow teammates Howard Monroe and Herbert Herrell had eight and

seven points respectively.

"Without a doubt, the victory was accomplished through teamwork," Lewis said. "Throughout our military career we're taught

that the word 'team' is an acronym for 'Together Everyone Achieves More' and we definitely put that acronym to use to win that game."

E'Club to stay open all night

STEVE RIDDLE

325th Services Squadron publicist

Tyndall's enlisted troops will get the chance to stay out until the wee hours of the morning when the Enlisted Club hosts its All-Night Disco Party Saturday evening.

The event starts at 8 p.m. and goes until 4 a.m. There will be a variety of music played in both the club ballroom and The Zone lounge, and dance contests and other games will give Air Force Club members a chance to win CDs, DVDs, free pizzas from the Sports Page Pizza Pub, and free bowling from Raptor Lanes Bowling Center.

"It was brought up at a recent Enlisted Club Advisory Council meeting that people wanted an all-night dance party, and we responded," explained Chris Saladin, Tyndall Officers' Club manager. "Our staff has been working hard to give them an event they'll enjoy."

Running Wild Entertainment will feature rock and Top 40 music in the The Zone lounge, and Hip Hop and R&B music will be in the ballroom. Pizza, hot wings, veggie trays and other snack foods will be served from 10 p.m. until 1 a.m., and assorted finger sandwiches will be available from 1 to 3 a.m.

For those who may enjoy the event just a little too much, free transportation home will be provided by members of the Enlisted Club Advisory Council and Airmen Against Drunk Driving.

"Being open later will give us the chance to offer more leisure activity opportunities for our customers," Mr. Saladin said.

Air Force Club members and their guests get in free. Non-members will pay \$6 at the door, but people can sign up for club membership at the E'Club that night. First year dues are free for enlisted ranks E-1 through E-4 and all second lieutenants stationed at Tyndall.

For more information, call 283-4357.



Ocean's 12

6 p.m. Thursday

(Editor's note: The movie selection for March 31 has yet to be determined. All movies are subject to change)



Funshine NEWS



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All Ranks at the O' Club

Easter Sunday Brunch

March 27

Adults \$16.95
Children 5-11 \$8.50
Children 4 & under free

- Menu -

Carving station with
Steamship round,
Baked turkey and ham
Seasonal vegetables
Belgian waffles
Omelets (made to order)
Cream beef & biscuits
Home fries
Bacon
Assorted fruit and juices
Dessert station



Two seatings: 10:30 a.m. & 12:45 p.m.
Reservations strongly recommended

283-4357

Tyndall Enlisted Club presents...

First All Nighter Saturday 2 DJ's

Ballroom:
Rock and Top 40
Zone:

Hip Hop and R&B Music
Time: 8 p.m.-4 a.m.

Door charge: Members free
Non-eligible member guests FREE
Non members \$6.00

Food, contests and prizes
283-4357



All ranks at the Enlisted Club

Free Movie Night Thursday Ocean's Twelve

Rated PG - 13

Movie 6 p.m.

Twelve is the new eleven.
Daniel Ocean recruits on more
team member so he can pull
off three major European
heists in this sequel to
Ocean's 11.

Snack Bar items include:

Pizza, hot dogs, chili dogs,
nachos, popcorn, candy, & soda.

Youth under age 16 must be accompanied
by an adult. Movies subject to availability.

283-4357

Community Center

☎ 283-2495

Pilates instructor

The cardio center is looking for an additional pilates instructor. If you have the right qualifications, we're looking for you, call 283-2495.

Base level table tennis tournament

April 16, 1 p.m. This event is open to: Active duty AF members, DoD civilians, contractors, family members & retirees. All participants must be 18 yrs old. Awards for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. Sign up by April 9.

Gulf Coast Salute food concession

Here's an opportunity for your squadron or private organization to earn some extra income. All units & organizations interested in participating in this year's open house (May 14 - 15) must fill out a concession application. Official military units assigned to Tyndall AFB will have priority. The number of booths available is limited. You can pickup a concession package at the Community Activities Center, Bldg. 1027, Tuesday - Saturday.

Leisure Travel office

Located at the Community Center, will be closed from March 28th until April 1st. The office will reopen on April 4th

Pizza Pub in the CAC

NASCAR race Sunday

Golden Corral 500

Pizza Pub opens at 11:00 a.m.

race begins at 11:30 a.m.

Races shown at the Pizza Pub

Prizes for participation will be given at each event. Must be a current club member to win.

283-3222 for details



Play Texas

Hold 'Em !

All ranks at the Enlisted Club

Sign ups start at 6 p.m. - Play starts at 7 p.m.

Play every Saturday for seven weeks.

Grand championship April 16

\$15 per player per week includes food and 5,000 in chips

Top three nightly winners awarded prizes.

Nightly winner has chance to draw a "Royal Flush" and win a new car.

Three vehicles to choose from:

Nissan 2005 Altima - 2005 Frontier -2004 Xterra

Sign up at the door.

Call 283-4357

Must be active USAF Club member.

Sponsored in part by
Lloyd

No federal endorsement of sponsor intended

Skills Center

☎ 283-5411

Vehicle marathon

March 19th & 20th. Work all night and get those much needed vehicle repairs finished at the auto hobby shop located in Bldg 934. Opens 9:30 a.m. March 19 and closes 7 p.m. March 20th.

Skills Development Center Have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny!

Saturday
by appointment

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

\$6 per picture



For
details
283-4511

Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

Get ready to... Skate Like a Pro

Sign up for Freestyle/Flatland Skateboarding. Learn basic to advanced tricks taught by former World Freestyle Amateur Champion and current touring professional John Leathers. Classes are open to ages seven and up and the cost is \$20 per session or four sessions for \$75.

Classes are held at the Youth Center gym and will include special skate trips with Team "TNT" and special guest skaters.

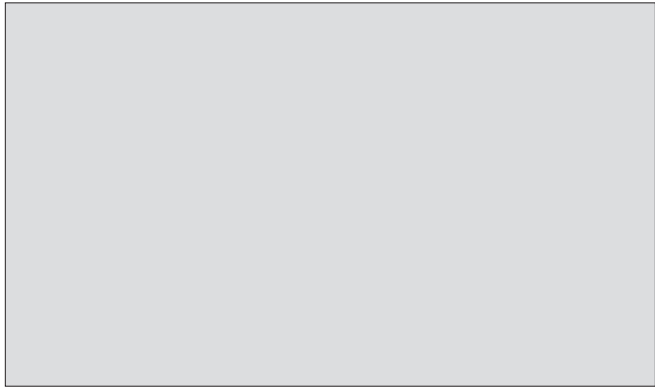
Program dates and times are as follows:

March 26: 10-12 p.m.

Call 283-4366
for more information.



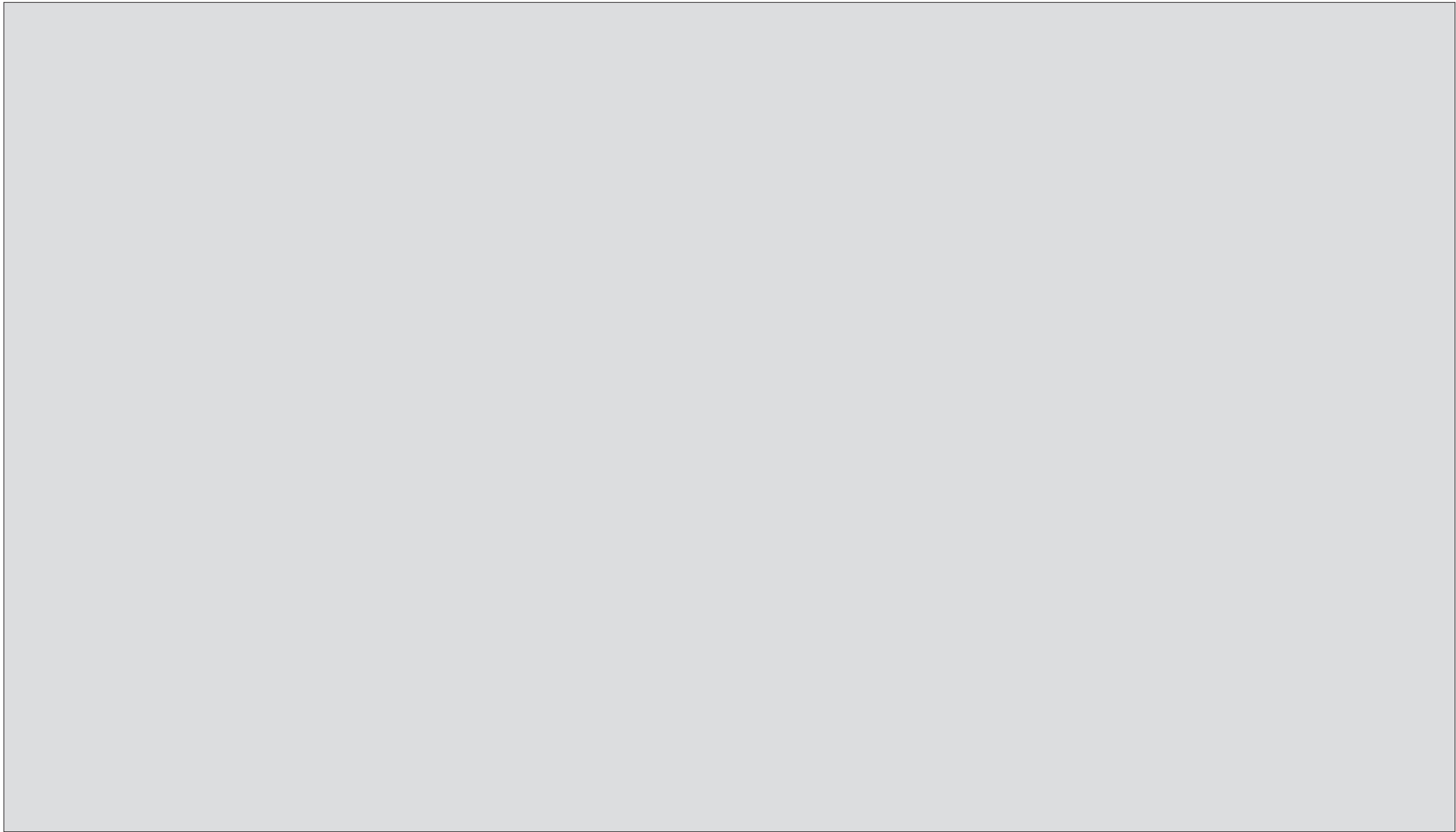
FREESTYLE



ORI TIP OF THE WEEK

Week 13:

Functional requirements are available at www.aetc.af.mil/ig. They should have good tips on what inspectors are looking for. Also, check public bulletin boards to ensure postings have up-to-date contact information for the Equal Employment Opportunity office, IG and senior leaders.



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each quarter allowing senior NCOs the opportunity to do something different.

“We’ve had great success with the program,” Sergeant Trachte said. “In fact, there have been several graduates who have expressed interest in pursuing the first sergeant career field.”

One such individual is Master Sgt. Sandra Thornton, 325th Medical Group Life Skills Support Center Flight NCO-in-charge, who until about six months ago was planning to retire.

“Before I deployed to Iraq I was going to retire, but once there I gained a whole new perspective and realized I still have something to give to the Air Force,” Sergeant Thornton said.

Sergeant Thornton has filled the role of acting first sergeant several times in the past, but explained she volunteered to attend the Tyndall course to learn about the base’s specific first sergeant details. She also added she is plan-

ning to become a first sergeant in the future.

“Being a senior NCO is important, but sometimes you get bogged down with normal duties and can’t focus on the people,” she explained. “As a first sergeant, you have to look at the bigger picture. You become the commander’s representative for the entire unit, supporting officer, enlisted and civilian personnel. Being a diamond-wearing first sergeant allows you to touch so many more people.”

But whether Airmen desire to pursue becoming first sergeants as a career move, or are just happy filling the role as an additional duty, the greatest reward for their service is helping people.

“The greatest benefit is being able to provide help to those who need it,” said Tech. Sgt. Harvey McLean, 372nd Training Squadron/Detachment 4 C-Flight chief. “Before I became an acting first sergeant, people would come to me with problems and all I could say was ‘that’s too bad.’ Now, I have the resources to actually help them.”

The Gulf Defender is published for people like Airman 1st Class Antonio Jackson, 325th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron diet therapist.



Checkertail Salute

Tech. Sgt. Devon Blackwell



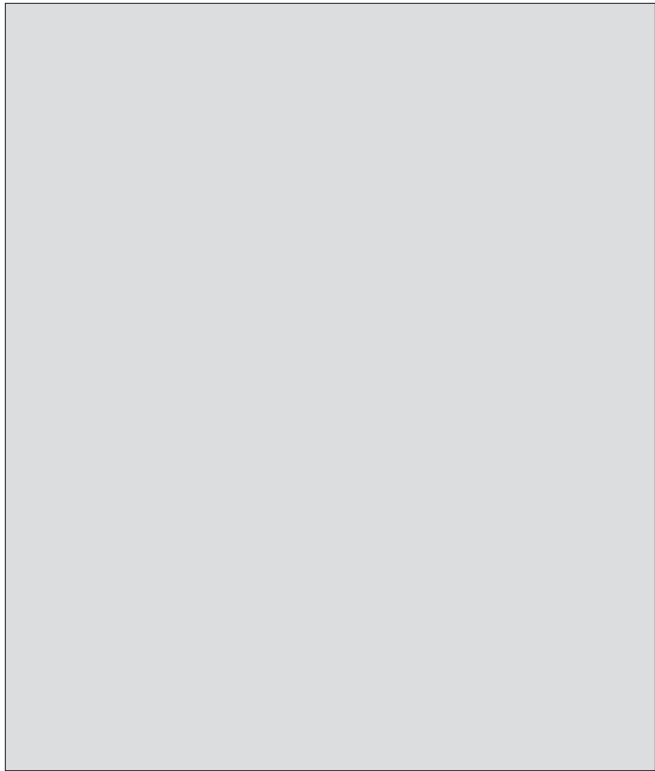
2nd Lt. William Powell

Sergeant Blackwell receives the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award from Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander.

The Checkertail Clan salutes Sergeant Blackwell, who is the 325th Comptroller Squadron quality examinations NCO-in-charge. He revamped the rejected payments tracking process allowing more than 95 troops’ records to be accurately balanced. He verified an average of 43,000 military payment documents per quarter, ensuring 100 percent process on time with over \$9.5 million paid. Sergeant Blackwell also won both squadron and wing staff NCO of the Quarter.

- Duty title: Quality examinations NCO-in-charge
- Time on station: Six months
- Time in service: Thirteen years, three months
- Hometown: Los Angeles
- Hobbies: Sports and reading
- Goals: To become a first sergeant
- Favorite movie: “The Brothers”
- Favorite book: “Never Die Alone”
- Favorite thing about Tyndall: It’s very close to the water
- Pet peeves: People who lead from the back
- Proudest moment in the military: Making technical sergeant

The Checkertail Salute is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize Tyndall’s Warrior of the Week. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate, letter from the commander and a one-day pass.

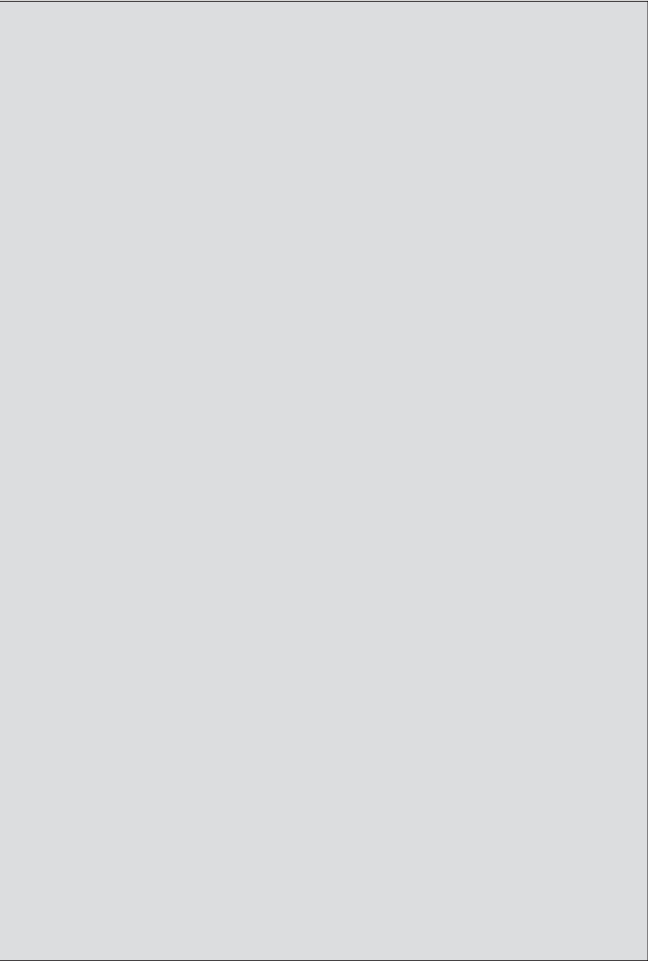
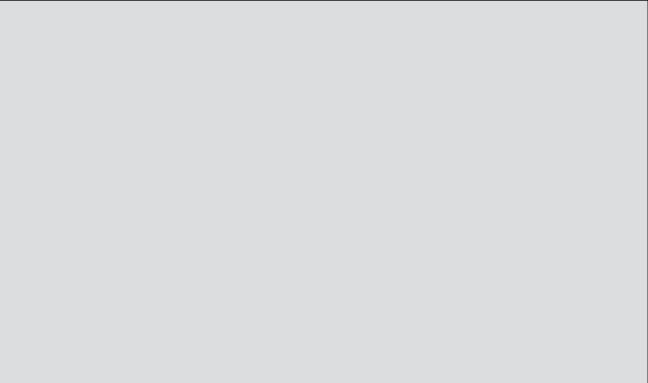
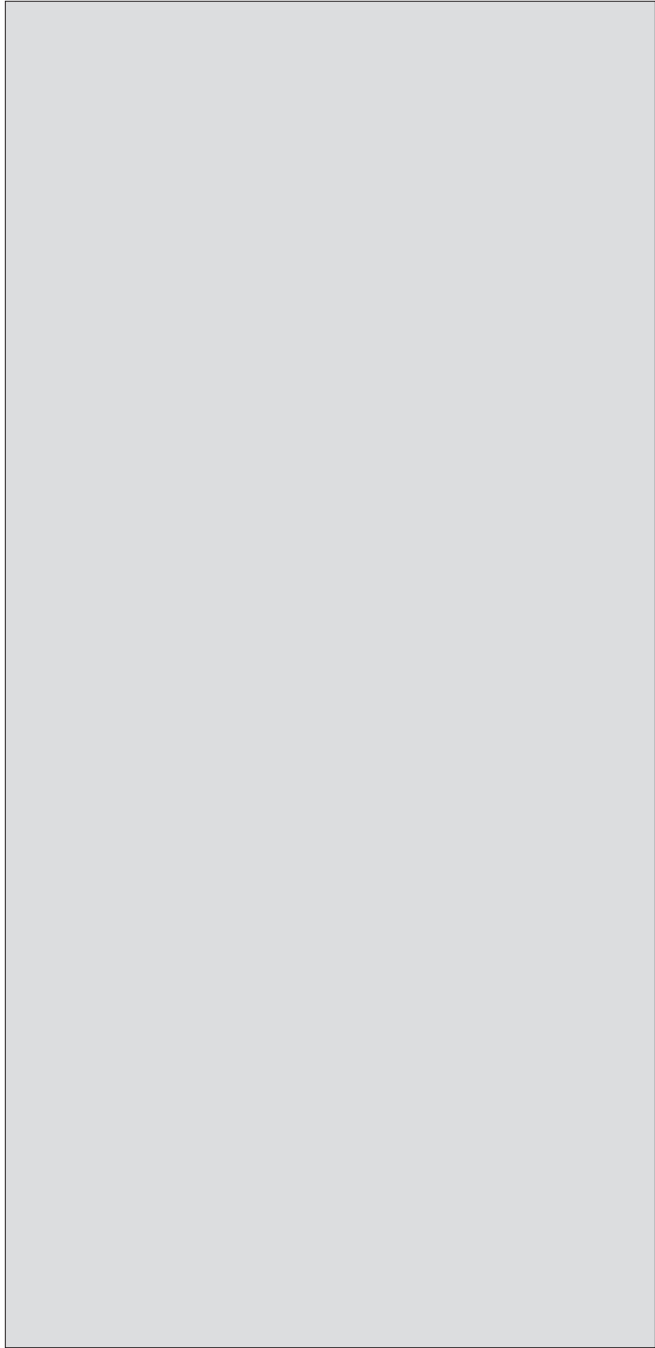


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of electric and natural gas consumption data through the use of meters on the individual houses, the developer will accurately estimate the monthly costs for that unit. At that point, the member will sign a new lease where his monthly rent will be his housing allowance amount minus an allowance of 110 percent of the estimated cost of electric and gas. This utility allowance will be kept by the member to pay the utility provider directly, just like members do in the local community.

“The member will benefit financially by conserving utilities if his usage is lower than the estimated use,” said Mr. Dentino. “Conversely, if the member’s utility costs exceed the allowance, the member pays the difference out-of-pocket. Water and sewage costs will be paid by the developer throughout the 50-year lease period.”

“If any of our military families have more questions about housing privatization, they should call 283-4712 or e-mail Glenn.Lattanze@tyndall.af.mil,” said Mr. Dentino.



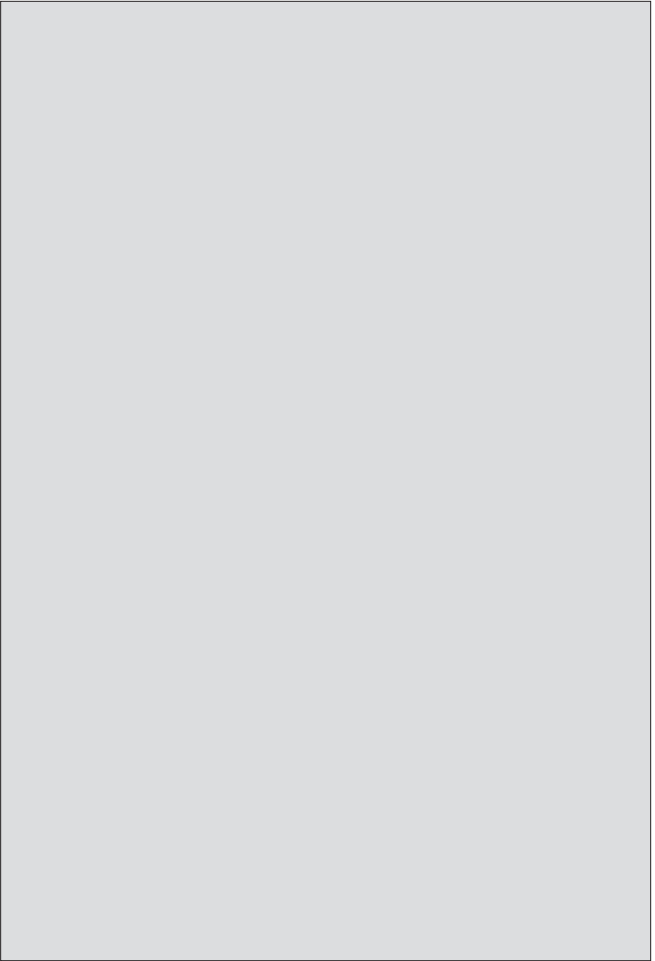
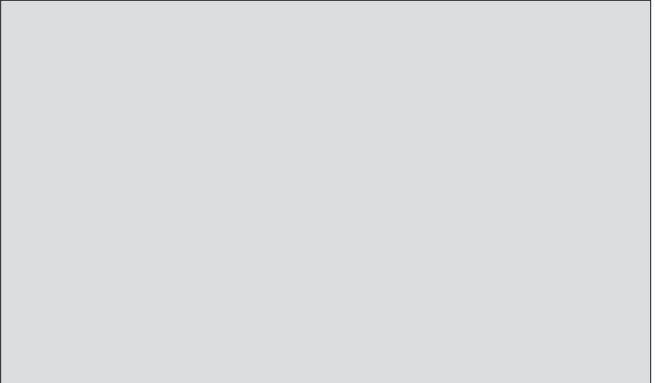
FOD Finder of the Quarter

Staff Sgt. Luis Almodovar



Sergeant Almodovar, 325th Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintenance journeyman, points out the location of a washer he found during an aircraft inspection. Sergeant Almodovar was named FOD Finder of the Quarter for the second quarter of the fiscal year.

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However, employees may not wear their uniforms for these functions.

The final type of fundraiser benefits the employee organization welfare fund. There are three conditions the fundraiser must meet. First, the fundraising must be by a unit or organization composed primarily of DOD employees or their dependents.

Second, the fundraising must be conducted among the members of the unit or organization.

Third, the fundraising must be for the benefit of a welfare fund for the members of the unit or organization, or their dependents. The rules for employee organization welfare funds are generally the same as those of unofficial fundraising events or efforts. Military uniforms must not be worn for these fundraisers.

However, unlike unofficial fundraisers, there may be instances where employees are allowed to officially endorse fundraising for an employee organization welfare fund.

Private organizations and unofficial activities/organizations cannot operate amusement machines, slot machines, or any games of chance, including raffles. However, raffles may be held by POs composed primarily of

DOD personnel or their family members, but only on an occasional, infrequent basis, and subject to several limitations.

Raffles must be for the benefit of DOD personnel or their family members. Additionally, raffles are not to be officially endorsed or supported except as permitted by the Joint Ethics Regulation. Also, raffles should not be conducted in the workplace or by employees during their duty time.

Most importantly, raffles must not violate applicable city, county, or state laws. Under Florida law, it is unlawful for any person or entity in the state to conduct a lottery for money or anything of value. There are exceptions that allow a raffle or similar event to be held by certain defined organizations in limited circumstances.

This information is only a brief summary of the major fundraising rules. Before you conduct any type of fundraiser, review AFI 36-3101. Also, fundraisers by Air Force-sponsored private organizations must also comply with AFI 34-223 and the Joint Ethics Regulation, in addition to AFI 36-3101. Furthermore, if additional guidance is necessary regarding your fundraiser, please contact the 325th Services Squadron resource management flight.



Golden Bolt Award



Airman Heather Aragon



Airman Aragon, 2nd Aircraft Maintenance unit aerospace propulsion apprentice, works on an F-15 Eagle's engine during training here. Airman Aragon is the 325th Maintenance Group's Golden Bolt Award winner for the month of January. She found the Golden Bolt lying on the hangar floor near an aircraft.

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